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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 March 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-42 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-42 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Nyman et al.(2003/0037033).
3. As per claims 1, 21, 41, Nyman et al. discloses a method for managing and displaying contact authentication in a peer-to-peer collaboration system wherein users may have multiple identities each with an associated display name[see fig. 1 sheet 1, 0036], on a first graphic user interface[211, fig. 1, sheet 1], displaying a name conflict indicator next to a first display name[0039, fig. 2B sheet 15, 0091], that is associated with a first identity, the first identity being different than at least one second identity associated with at least one second display name, the at least one second display name being equivalent to the first display name[0039, 0096]; in response to user input associated with the name conflict indicator, displaying a plurality of display names that are equivalent to the first display name[fig. 2B sheet 15, 0091, 0105], and receiving user input specifying an alternative display name for a selected display name of the plurality of equivalent display names, the selected display name being associated with a selected identity and being different than the first display name; and identifying on a second graphic user interface the selected identity with the alternative display name, the graphic user interface

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providing a function related to controlling communication within a peer-to-peer collaboration system[see fig. 1 sheet 1, 0036, 0096, fig. 2B].

4. As per claim 2, Nyman et al. discloses computing a clean name from each display name and comparing clean names of two display names to determine if the two display names are equivalent[0138-0139].

5. As per claims 3, 23, Nyman et al. discloses each contact identity has an authentication level associated therewith, examining the authentication levels of all display names that are equivalent[0094]; and displaying name conflict indicators next to selected display names based on the examination[0094, 0096].

6. As per claims 4, 24, Nyman et al. discloses displaying a name conflict indicator next to each display name(fig. 2B sheet 15) associated with a contact identity whose authentication level is less than the highest authentication level of all contact identities with equivalent display names[0094, 0096].

7. As per claims 5, 25, Nyman discloses determining the behavior of the collaboration system regarding communications with a contact based on a security policy and the authentication level of that contact[0094].

8. As per claims 6, 26, Nyman discloses receiving from a user of the collaboration system input specifying the security policy[0093-0094].

9. As per claims 7, 27, Nyman discloses receiving from a system administrator input specifying the security policy[0094, 0096].

10. As per claims 8, 28, Nyman discloses warning a user based on the security policy when that user attempts to communicate with a contact having a predetermined authentication level[0094].
11. As per claims 9, 29, Nyman discloses preventing a user from communicating with another user based on the security policy when the other user has a predetermined authentication level[0094, 0096].
12. As per claims 10, 30, Nyman discloses displaying a dialog box having all display names that are equivalent to the selected display name listed therein[0039, fig. 2b sheet 15].
13. As per claims 11, 31, Nyman discloses assigning an alias to one of the first and second display names which alias is not equivalent to either of the first and second display names and which alias replaces the one display name[fig. 2b sheet 15, 0105, 0138-0139].
14. As per claims 12, 32, Nyman discloses displaying an authentication indicator next to a display name that is not equivalent to another display name, which authentication indicator displays the authentication level of the associated contact[0094, 0096].
15. As per claim 13, 33, Nyman discloses each contact can have one of a predetermined number of authentication levels and wherein the authentication indicator that is displayed is unique to one of the authentication levels[0094, 0096].
16. As per claims 14, 42, Nyman discloses managing and displaying contact authentication in a peer-to peer collaboration system wherein users may have multiple authentication certification levels, including an unauthenticated and uncertified level, setting a security policy that controls the behavior of the collaboration system based on the authentication and certification level[0094, 0096], receiving thorough a graphic user interface an identification of a selected contact with

which to communicate[0078-0079]; obtaining the authentication and certification level of the selected contact; warning the user and restricting the user from communicating with the selected contact based on the security policy when the selected contact has an unauthenticated and uncertified level[0027, 0093].

17. As per claim 34, Nyman discloses a mechanism that sets a security policy that controls the behavior of the collaboration system based on the authentication and certification level[0094, 0096]; means for receiving through a graphic user interface an indication of a selected contact with which to communicate[0078-0079]; means for obtaining the authentication and certification level of the selected contact; a mechanism that warns the user and restricts the user from communicating with the selected contact based on the security policy when the selected contact has an unauthenticated and uncertified level based on the security policy[0027, 0093].

18. As per claims 15, 35, Nyman discloses a user setting the security policy that applies to that user[0093-0094].

19. As per claims 16, 36, Nyman discloses a system administrator setting a security policy that applies to a user[0094, 0096].

20. As per claims 17, 37, Nyman discloses warning a user when the security policy is set to warn the user when attempts to communicate with an unauthenticated and uncertified contact[0027, 0093].

21. As per claims 18, 38, Nyman discloses preventing a user from communicating with an uncertified contact when the security policy is set to restrict and the user attempts to communicate with an uncertified contact[0027, 0093-0094, 0096].

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22. As per claims 19, 39, Nyman discloses allowing a user to communicate with an unauthenticated and uncertified contact when the security policy is set to allow without warning and the user attempts to communicate with an unauthenticated and uncertified contact[0093-0094, 0096].

23. As per claims 20, 40, Nyman discloses compiling a contact list of contacts with whom the user is attempting to communicate[0022]; checking the contact list to determine contacts that are not authenticated; checking the unauthenticated contacts to determine whether a certification policy applies to any unauthenticated contact; and placing an unauthenticated contact on the list of unauthenticated and uncertified contacts when no certification policy applies to that contact[0027, 0093-0094].

24. As per claim 22, Nyman discloses means for displaying a name conflict indicator[fig. 2b sheet 15] includes a mechanism that computes a clean name from each display name and a comparator that compares the clean names of two display names to determine if the two display names are equivalent[0138-0139].

Response to Amendment

25. The Applicant states that Nyman does not disclose displaying a name conflict indicator on a graphic user interface. The Examiner disagrees with the Applicant. Nyman discloses a name manager table for the device(100), which is a wireless device with a browser(211)[see fig. 1 sheet 1, see fig. 2B sheet 15]. A conflict flag(i.e. conflict indicator) is stored in field(231)[see fig. 2B sheet 15, 0091], and this conflict flag is reflected in the name manager table[see fig. 2B sheet 15]and stored in the device(100).

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26. The Applicant states that Nyman does not disclose receiving user input specifying an alternative display name. The Examiner disagrees with the Applicant. Nyman discloses the wireless device(100) and the naming menu(80) displayed to the user for entering the user's name, alternate name, the maximum number of devices to which to distribute the name, and other attributes of the name to be distributed to the ad hoc network[see fig. 1 sheet 1, 0036]. A wireless device(100) used by a user named Alice, which includes a display name that displays a naming menu in its browser(211), the naming menu enables Alice to enter her name or any alternate name, in case there is another user using a wireless device with her name(0078). Nyman does disclose the user setting up an alternate name in case of conflicting names; however, this meets the claim limitation of (c) receiving user input specifying an alternative display name for a selected display name of the plurality of equivalent display names, the selected display name being associated with a selected identity and being different than the first display name.

27. The Applicant states that Nyman does not disclose receiving thorough a graphic user interface an indication of a selected contact, and obtaining the authentication and certification level of the selected contact. The Examiner disagrees with the Applicant. Nyman discloses each device in the ad hoc network can distribute its public key and trust certificate verifying the authenticity of its public key signed by a trusted third party. Public keys can be used to restrict which devices can display a name[0094].

28. The Applicant states that Nyman does not warn the user. The Examiner disagrees with the Applicant. Nyman discloses an authorization list includes names of users authorized to send messages. Nyman discloses Mark has specified no in the ok to display field, then Dan Jones'

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device would not receive authorization, and his device would be restricted from displaying Mark's names[0093-0094]. Therefore, no receiving authorization is a warning to the user, that the names will not be displayed.

Final Rejection

29. THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jenise E. Jackson whose telephone number is (571) 272-3791. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th (6:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.) alternate Friday's.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz Sheikh can be reached on (571) 272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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